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BRIDGEPORT/STAMFORD/GREENWICH

- **August 1st Annual Bridgeport Health Fair 12pm-5pm:** Bridgeport Tabernacle SDA is hosting a Community Health Expo in the parking lot of 717 Clinton Ave, Bridgeport. Expo features: healthy food prep, massage, know your numbers, 8 laws of health, fire safety, natural remedies, glucose/cholesterol testing, blood pressure testing.
- **August 11th Southwest Community Health Center 11am-2pm:** 14th Annual Health Fair on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 1020 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport. Fair will include: information about WIC, SNAP, nutrition, blood pressure screenings, dental health screening and more! **Rain date: August 17th*
- **Month of August:** Check out SW AHEC's Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SouthwesternAHEC/> for immunization updates, educational information and resources all month during NIAM!
- **Bridgeport Farmer's Market** [Homepage - Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative \(bridgeportfarmersmarkets.org\)](https://www.bridgeportfarmersmarkets.org/) **provided by the Bridgeport Farmers Market Collaborative on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays:** Events will be held at multiple locations in Bridgeport until October 2021 providing fresh food and other community resources for community members including SWAHEC IAP promoting immunizations and COVID-19 vaccination efforts.
- **CT Patch Publications:** SW AHEC will publish an article on [Bridgeport, CT Patch - Breaking Local News Events Schools Weather & Sports](#) and [Stamford, CT Patch - Breaking Local News Events Schools Weather & Sports on](#) immunization awareness/resources for COVID-19 including vaccination sites/support for appointments.

DANBURY

Month of August: Contact: Becky Mayberry, Danbury IAP Coordinator rmayberry@norwalkct.org 203-970-5443

- Immunization information will be posted and available for the taking for people across the lifespan at the **Danbury Health and Human Services lobby**, 155 Deer Hill Ave, Danbury. Display will highlight immunizations for: school-age children, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens, and adults. Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults will be posted. Information about CT's Immunization Information System (IIS), "CT WiZ", will be featured.
- Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be posted and available for the taking in the lobby outside the **Danbury Hospital Maternity Unit**, 24 Hospital Ave, Danbury. CT's Immunization Information System (IIS), "CT WiZ" will be highlighted.
- Immunization information will be given out at the **Family and Children's Aid 75 West St, Danbury** - Harmony House for the Homeless Woman and Children.
- **Norwalk Health Department's Facebook Page** assist people of all ages to get back on track with important vaccinations at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
- **Follow Norwalk Health Department's tweets** about immunizations for people across the lifespan at: [@norwalkhealth](https://twitter.com/norwalkhealth)

HARTFORD/GREATER HARTFORD AREA

- **August 6th and 20th 6pm-10pm - Hispanic Health Council Summer Salsa Festival.** Open to the general public: salsa dancing with lessons, food, drinks, booths etc. IAP will have a table providing information to attendees about NIAM and will provide brochures and information about vaccines. Visit: <https://hispanichealthcouncil.networkforgood.com/events/30951-summer-salsa-festival>
- **August 24th 3:00pm - 6:00pm - Back to school Event with Burns Latino Studies Academy 195 Putnam St, Hartford.** IAP will have a table to answer any questions about children's vaccinations and will provide goodie bags for parents.



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- **Month of August:** IAP's Social Media Campaign from Hispanic Health Council providing information for NIAM:
 - Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/HispanicHealthCouncil/>
 - Instagram @hispanichealthcouncil_ct, and Twitter @hisphealth_ct).
- **Month of August:** IAP will distribute flyers and brochures about children vaccination schedules to both Hartford and Greater Hartford public libraries, daycares, and WIC agencies every week.
- **Month of August:** IAP will promote NIAM on a Spanish radio station on behalf of Hispanic Health Council (date TBD)

LEDGE LIGHT HEALTH DISTRICT

Month of August: Contact: Cindy Barry, Ledge Light Health District IAP Coordinator cbarry@llhd.org 860-448-4883

- Check out LLHD website and social media throughout the month for “**Wellness Wednesdays**”: llhd.org, Facebook @LedgeLightHD, Instagram @ledgelighthd, Twitter @ledgelightHD.
- Mystic and Niantic residents - check out the article in “**Mystic and Niantic Neighbors**” Magazine, which arrives in your mailboxes.
- **Month of August:** “**Health Watch with Carolyn**” – interview with Mick Bolduc, Epidemiologist/Vaccine Coordinator at DPH, available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3NjILwxMQ>.
- **August 1st:** Public Service Announcement go out to all radio stations and newspaper outlets on immunizations.
- **Month of August: Farmer's Market Family Health Days: Groton, New London, Waterford, Niantic and Pawcatuck.** IAP will provide information to attendees about NIAM and provide brochures about vaccines.
- LLHD Newsletter will be launched with our current mailing lists, using Mail Chimp. Hard copies of the newsletters will be shared with community members who can sign up, which makes them eligible to enter our drawing for a gift certificate to the farmer's market.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT (NVHD)

- **Like us on Social Media** to see updates throughout the month:
 - NVHD's Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NaugatuckValleyHD/>
 - NVHD's Twitter Page: <https://twitter.com/NaugValleyHD>
 - NVHD's Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/naugatuckvalleyhd/>

NEW BRITAIN

- **Month of August:**
 - Immunization information will be posted on the New Britain Health Department's Facebook [New Britain, Connecticut - Home | Facebook](#) page with weekly themes for National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). The focus this year is having immunizations up to date for school.
 - Immunization records will be evaluated for children who come into the health department for school/daycare entry and if vaccines are available, they will be administered by our nursing staff. When needed, the New Britain Health Department will consult with the New Britain School Nurses to review immunization records for school entry.
- **August 9th-13th: New Britain Health Department 88 Prospect St, New Britain in the waiting area,** there will be posters and information regarding National Immunization Awareness (NIAM) and information on the HPV vaccine for preteens/teens.
- Stay tuned to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-New-Britain-Health-Department-1234468176655259/> for updates throughout NIAM.



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NEW HAVEN/WEST HAVEN

- **Month of August:** NIAM information will be posted at:
 - New Haven Health <https://www.newhavenct.gov/gov/depts/health/default.htm>
 - Quinnipiac Valley Health District website <http://www.qvhd.org>
- **August 7th – 12:00pm-3:00pm:** B.J. Petty Community Health Day – Widow’s Son Lodge, 106 Goffe St. New Haven, IAP staff will share information about NIAM
- The New Haven Youth and Recreation Department’s Family Fun Day events:
 - **August 11th – 2:30pm – 5:30pm:** Bassett St. Park, 130 Bassett St. New Haven
 - **August 18th - 2:30pm-5:30pm:** Criscolo Park, 130 James and River St.
 - **August 28th – 2:00pm-5:30pm:** Winslow Park Wilmot Rd, New Haven
- **August 19th - 10:00am-2:00pm:** IAP staff will be present at an immunization education table at the New Haven Health Department’s Clinic. 54 Meadow St. New Haven.
- **August 28th - 10:00am-3pm:** Community Action of New Haven Summer Farmer’s Market and Resource Fair- 419 Whalley Ave, New Haven

NORWALK

Month of August: Contact: Pam Bates, RN, BSN, Norwalk IAP Coordinator ptb50@aol.com 203-854-7728

- Immunization information will be posted and available for the taking for people across the lifespan at the **Norwalk Health Department lobby** outside the WIC office, 137 East Avenue, Norwalk. The display will highlight immunizations for: school-age children, pregnant women, babies and young children, preteens and teens, and adults. Immunization schedules for children, teens and adults will be posted. Information about CT’s Immunization Information System (IIS), “CT WiZ”, will be featured.
- **Immunization Information Display** - Immunization information for pregnant women and infants will be presented in gift bags to patients on the **Norwalk Hospital Maternity Unit**, 34 Maple St, Norwalk.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:**
 - Check out Facebook posts to help people of all ages get back on track with important vaccinations at: <https://www.facebook.com/norwalkhealth>
 - Follow Norwalk Health Department’s tweets about immunizations for people across the lifespan at: [@norwalkhealth](https://twitter.com/norwalkhealth)
- **CT WiZ (CT’s Immunization Information System (IIS))/Immunization Record Check** will be performed for children receiving support services from **Family and Children’s Agency (FCA)**.
 - Families enrolled in FCA’s programs are being asked to sign releases for their children’s immunization records to be evaluated by Norwalk IAP and FCA staffs. Children who are late with vaccinations or who do not have a provider identified will be followed up by FCA Program caseworkers. Parents will be offered enrollment if their child’s record is not found in the IIS.
 - Those interested in learning more about Family and Children Agency’s family support programs may contact: Margaret Woglom at: 203-523-5341 or email: mwoglom@fcagency.org
- **August 3rd 5-8 pm Norwalk Police Department’s National Night Out** at 1 Monroe St, Norwalk. Norwalk IAP joined by other Norwalk Health Department staff members will be providing information about COVID-19 vaccinations and other immunizations needed for people across the lifespan. Come join the family-friendly event with free food, Funzone, games, music and other activities.



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TORRINGTON AREA HEALTH DISTRICT

- **August 8th – August 14th: Immunization Displays** will be posted in the **maternity wards** at **Sharon Hospital** in Sharon, CT and **Charlotte Hungerford Hospital** in Torrington, CT. Educational immunization material will be available to expectant mothers and babies.
- **Month of August: Goodie Bags** will be distributed to **WIC and Family Strides 350 Main St, Suite C & D, Torrington**, families. They also contain vaccine information applicable to families (Family Strides) and women, infants, and young children (WIC) as well as “Answers to Common Vaccine Questions”, pens, highlighters, and CT WIZ Covid immunization card sleeves.
- **Month of August:** Check out our large sign in the **Torrington Area Health District Parking lot** and our immunization display in the **lobby**. Grab a **free gift** throughout the month which will be changed weekly to: (8/1-8/7 Back to School) (8/8-8/14 Pregnant Women and Infants) (8/22-8/28 Pre-Teen) (Teens 8/29-9/4 Adults)
- **September 4th 1pm-3pm Goshen Fair 116 Old Middle St, Goshen:** Outreach worker will hand out information and answer questions on CT WiZ and on all vaccinations highlighting “Adults”. There will be free give-aways!
- **Month of August: Kidsplay Museum 61 Main St, Torrington.** Check out the display encouraging vaccinations! Outreach workers will be teaming up with the Museum to attend Storytime events to read books on vaccination throughout the month and answer questions for parents.
- **Month of August: Beardsley & Memorial Local Library 40 Munro Pl, Winsted, Torrington Library 12 Daycoeton Pl. in Torrington, David M. Hunt Library & School Association 63 Main St. in Falls Village, and Morris Public Library 4 North St. in Morris** will all likely have vaccination information on display as well as children’s books on vaccination being read for Storytimes.

WATERBURY

- **Month of August:** Be sure to check out the Waterbury Health Department Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/waterburyhealthdepartment/>.
- **Month of August:** Check out display at the **Waterbury Health Department’s WIC program 185 S Main St., Waterbury waiting area** with assorted colorful brochures and educational materials for parents and children.
- **Monday–Friday 8am-3:30pm:** IAP program, in support of the **Waterbury Education Family Intake Center 1 Jefferson Square, Waterbury** will be available to assist with “back to school” immunization-related issues, by reviewing/translating records and helping parents understand and become compliant with school immunization requirements.
- **August 4th 3pm-5pm:** IAP program will pass out CT WiZ tote bags with educational brochures and materials to the parents and children of the **Boys & Girls Club of Greater Waterbury**.
- **August 18th 12pm-2pm:** IAP program will be attending the “**Back to School**” **Rally at Fulton Park Cooke St., Waterbury**. Event is sponsored by the Waterbury Youth Services and the Waterbury Department of Education. The Rally is **FREE** and open to all Waterbury school children and their families. Come join us for **FREE** school supplies, food, entertainment and lots of community resources.



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NIAM is an annual observance held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them. Communities have continued to use the month each year to raise awareness about the important role vaccines play in preventing serious, sometimes deadly, diseases. **For free resources visit:** <https://www.nphic.org/niam>

